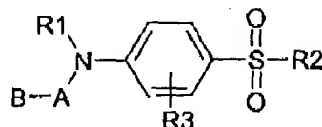


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1. (Currently amended) A compound of the formula (I):



wherein

A is  $-(CR_2)_n$  where n is 1, 2 or 3 and each R is independently hydrogen or alkyl;

B is substituted aryl or heteroaryl which is optionally substituted with one to four substituents selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, acylamino, mono-alkylamino, di-alkylamino, haloalkyl, haloalkoxy, heteroalkyl,  $-COR$  (where R is hydrogen, alkyl, unsubstituted phenyl or unsubstituted phenylalkyl,  $-(CR'R'')_n$ ,  $COOR$  (where n is an integer from 0 to 5,  $R'$  and  $R''$  are independently hydrogen or alkyl, and R is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl), or  $-(CR'R'')_n CONR^aR^b$  (where n is an integer from 0 to 5,  $R'$  and  $R''$  are independently hydrogen or alkyl, and  $R^a$  and  $R^b$  are, independently of each other, hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, phenyl or phenylalkyl), wherein heteroaryl is furyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, benzothiazolyl or pyridazinyl;

$R^1$  is alkyl, alkenyl, cyanoalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaralkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, heteroalkyl or alkylcarbonylalkyl;

$R^2$  is alkyl, alkenyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, or  $NR^{13}R^{14}$  wherein:

$R^{13}$  is hydrogen or alkyl;

$R^{14}$  is hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, acyl, haloalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aralkyl, hydroxylalkyl, alkoxyalkyl, carboxyalkyl, alkoxycarbonylalkyl, or aminoalkyl;

$R^3$  is hydrogen, alkyl, halo, nitro, cyano, hydroxy, alkoxy; an ester, a carbamate, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 1, wherein  $R^3$  is hydrogen.

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3. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 2 wherein B is substituted aryl.
4. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 3 wherein B is substituted phenyl.
5. (Original) The compound of Claim 4 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl or heteroalkyl.
6. (Original) The compound of Claim 5 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is heteroalkyl.
7. (Original) The compound of Claim 6 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is alkylsulfonylalkyl.
8. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is alkyl.
9. (Original) The compound of Claim 8 wherein A is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>.
10. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup> wherein R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are hydrogen.
11. (Original) The compound of Claim 10 wherein A is -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>.
12. (Original) The compound of Claim 2 wherein B is optionally substituted heteroaryl, wherein heteroaryl is furyl, imidazolyl, pyridyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, benothiazolyl or pyridazinyl.
13. (Original) The compound of Claim 12 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclalkyl or heteroalkyl.
14. (Original) The compound of Claim 13 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is heteroalkyl.
15. (Original) The compound of Claim 14 wherein R<sup>1</sup> alkylsulfonylalkyl.

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16. (Original) The compound of Claim 15 wherein  $R^2$  is alkyl.
17. (Original) The compound of Claim 16 wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
18. (Original) The compound of Claim 15 wherein  $R^2$  is  $NR^{13}R^{14}$  wherein  $R^{13}$  and  $R^{14}$  are hydrogen.
19. (Original) The compound of Claim 18 wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
- 20 - 37 (Canceled).
38. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:  
     $R^1$  is heteroalkyl, wherein heteroalkyl is alkylsulfonylalkyl; and  
    B is substituted aryl.
39. (Original) The compound of Claim 38, wherein  $R^2$  is alkyl.
40. (Original) The compound of Claim 39, wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
41. (Original) The compound of Claim 38, wherein  $R^2$  is  $NH_2$ .
42. (Original) The compound of Claim 41, wherein A is  $-(CH_2)-$ .
43. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.
- 44 - 56 (Canceled).

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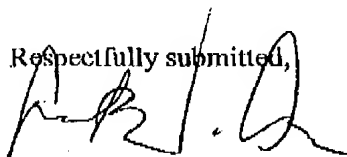
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Remarks

The foregoing claim set provides the complete text of all claims currently pending in the above-captioned application. All withdrawn claims have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for examination. Any questions regarding the application may be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or email addresses given below.

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